

Motor Carrier Facts for Safety Belts

- ✓ **National safety belt use rate for motor carrier drivers is 48%**
- ✓ **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (CFR Title 49 Part 392.16) require commercial motor vehicle drivers to wear safety belts.**
 - ✓ **Enforcement officers have the authority to pull drivers over to write citations.**
 - ✓ **Federal violation allows for a fine up to \$2,700.**
 - ✓ **Kansas violation allows for a fine up to \$500.**
- ✓ **Current National Statistics:**
 - ✓ **1 out of 9 traffic fatalities resulted from a collision involving a large truck.**
 - ✓ **About 27,000 large truck occupants suffer nonfatal injuries.**
 - ✓ **More than half of the 620 truck drivers killed in crashes were unbuckled.**
 - ✓ **70% of the truck drivers killed, who were not wearing a safety belt, were killed in single vehicle crashes.**
 - ✓ **51% of truck occupant fatalities involve rollover.**
 - ✓ **Drivers in rollover crashes are 80% less likely to die when wearing safety belts.**
 - ✓ **68% of the fatal crashes occurred in rural areas.**
 - ✓ **66% of the fatal crashes occurred during the daytime.**
 - ✓ **8% of fatal crashes involved large trucks.**
- ✓ **Current Kansas Statistics:**
 - ✓ **4,175 crashes and 70 fatalities occurred involving large trucks.**
 - ✓ **11.1% of fatal crashes in Kansas involved large trucks.**